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SUBJECT: KWANGMING DAILY PRAISES THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. A LONG KWANGMING DAILY ARTICLE PRAISES THE AMERICAN FOUNDING FATHERS FOR THEIR RIGHTEOUS ANTI-COLONIAL STRUGGLE, PERSERVERANCE IN THE FACE OF DOMESTIC ADVERSARIES ADVOCATING COMPROMISE, AND SKILLFUL EXPLOITATION OF "CONTRADICTIONS" AMONG THE LEADING INTERNATIONAL POWERS. IN SO DOING, THE AUTHORS IMPLY APPROVAL FOR TEMPORART ALLIANCES OF CONVENIENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE JULY 8 KWANGMING DAILY CARRIES A LONG ARTICLE ON PAGE 3 ENTITLED "THE PEOPLE OF SMALL COUNTRIES MUST BE VICTORIOUS, GREAT COUNTRY HEGEMONS MUST BE DEFEATED -- OBSERVING A LAW OF HISTORY FROM THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE WAR." PEGGED TO THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL, THE PIECE ATTRIBUTES AUTHORSHIP TO THE WUHAN PORT BUREAU HANKOW OPERATIONS AREA 5TH BRIGADE WORKER THEORIST GROUP AND THE WUHAN UNIVERSITY HISTORY DEPARTMENT AMERICAN STUDIES RESEARCH OFFICE.

3. LIBERALLY LACED WITH FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS FROM MARX, LENIN

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AND MAO, THE ARTICLE IS NONETHELESS A RATHER ERUDITE EFFORT

RECOUNTING THE ORIGINS AND BATTLE-BY-BATTLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION--CHARACTERIZED AS AN "ANTI-COLONIAL RIGHTEOUS WAR." A MAO QUOTATION SANCTIFIES THIS INTERPRETATION: "THE WASHINGTONIANS AND JEFFERSONIANS WAGED AN ANTI-ENGLAND STRUGGLE BECAUSE THE ENGLISH OPPRESSED AND EXPLOITED THE AMERICANS." THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARIES ARE PRAISED FOR, INTER ALIA, THEIR PERSEVERANCE IN STRUGGLE, REJECTION OF TORY-FAVORED COMPROMISES, AND ADAPTATION OF GUERRILLA-WARFARE TACTICS LEARNED FROM THE AMERICAN INDIANS. INTERESTINGLY, THE AUTHORS MUSTER ALL OF THIS LAUDATORY DETAIL IN SUPPORT OF THE "LAW OF HISTORY" --WEAK COUNTRIES CAN DEFEAT STRONG COUNTRIES, SMALL COUNTRIES CAN DEFEAT BIG COUNTRIES...SO LONG AS THE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO PICK UP WEAPONS..."-- FIRST ADVANCED IN MAO'S 1970 BLAST "PEOPLE OF THE WHOLE WORLD UNITE, DEFEAT THE AMERICAN AGGRESSORS AND ALL OF THEIR RUNNING DOGS\*" (THIS WORK IS CITED BY TITLE IN THE TEXT.)

4. THE AUTHORS ALSO WRITE APPROVINGLY OF THE AMERICAN PATRIOTS' UNDERSTANDING AND MANIPULATION OF THE CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. EXPLOITING THE "CONTRADICTIONS" THEN EXISTING AMONG ENGLAND, FRANCE AND SPAIN, THE AMERICANS MANAGED TO ACHIEVE FIRST A "TEMPORARY ALLIANCE" AND SUBSEQUENTLY A "MILITARY ALLIANCE" WITH THE FRENCH...LEAVING THE ENGLISH "COMPLETELY ISOLATED" INTERNATIONALLY.

5. AFTER PORTRAYING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AS A WHOLLY ADMIRABLE NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLE, THE ARTICLE THEN BRINGS IN CLASS STRUGGLE IN EXPLAINING HOW AMERICA ULTIMATELY TOOK THE IMPERIALIST AND COLONIALIST ROAD, BECAME ONE OF THE GREATEST OPPRESSORS IN THE WORLD FOR A PERIOD, TRAMPLED ON ITS REVOLUTIONARY TRADITION, AND ACCORDINGLY SUFFERED DEFEATS--"ESPECIALLY" IN THE KOREAN AND INDOCHINA CONFLICTS. HOWEVER, THE ARTICLE PREDICTABLY CONCLUDES WITH CONDEMNATION OF THE SOVIET UNION AS TODAY'S GREEDIEST AND MOST BRUTAL PROMOTER OF HEGEMONISM AND POWER POLITICS.

6. COMMENT: WE DO NOT RECALL ANOTHER ARTICLE WITH QUITE THIS FLAVOR. THAT IT APPEARED IN THE COMPARATIVELY LEFT-LEANING KWANGMING DAILY IS NOTEWORTHY, ALTHOUGH THE PAPER LIKELY DOES NOT VIEW THIS ARTICLE AS CONVEYING ANY NEW FOREIGN AFFAIRS MESSAGE. BUT IF

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THERE EXISTS AN ANALOGY BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND CHINESE REVOLUTIONS, THE ARTICLE IS INTERESTING AS A GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL BEHAVIOR -- ESPECIALLY TEMPORARY AND MILITARY ALLIANCES -- SEEN AS PRUDENT AND DESIRABLE BY THE CHINESE.  
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